

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A process for the preparation of a coffee product comprising the step of compressing a roasted coffee in a roller press to form a compressed body of coffee.
2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the roasted coffee is a ground or flaked coffee.
3. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein external cooling is applied to the coffee prior to the step of compressing.
4. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein external cooling is applied to the coffee during the step of compressing.
5. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the roller press comprises a profiled or pocketed roller.
6. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the roller press comprises two pocketed rollers.
7. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~density of the compressed coffee~~ has a density that is greater than 0.95g/cm^3 .
8. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of crushing the compressed body of coffee ~~coffee tablet~~ to form a particulate coffee product.

9. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 8, further comprising the step of packaging the particulate coffee in a brewing capsule.
10. (Currently amended) A compressed body of coffee obtainable by a process comprising the step of compressing a roasted coffee in a roller press to form a compressed body of coffee~~according to any one of claims 1 to 7.~~
11. (Currently amended) A compressed body of coffee according to claim 10, wherein the ~~tablet~~ compressed body of coffee does not have opposed flat faces.
12. (Currently amended) A particulate coffee obtainable by a process comprising the steps of compressing a roasted coffee in a roller press to form a compressed body of coffee and crushing the compressed body of coffee to form a particulate coffee product, ~~according to claim 7.~~
13. (Currently amended) A particulate coffee according to claim 12, wherein the particulate coffee has a particle size (e.g. D (4,3)) of from about 200 μm to about 600 μm .
14. (Currently amended) A particulate coffee according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the particulate coffee has a tap density of greater than about 0.5g/cm³.
15. (Currently amended) A coffee brewing capsule containing a particulate coffee obtainable by a process comprising the steps of compressing a roasted coffee in a roller press to form a compressed body of coffee and crushing the compressed body of coffee to form a particulate coffee product for placement in a brewing capsule~~according to claim 12, 13 or 14.~~